



## Valley Forge National Historical Park Construction Project Updates

Project Management Weekly Update: April 27th, 2007

Week of April 22nd, 2007 – April 27th, 2007

### *PA Route 23 Utility Realignment:*

Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday-Friday. \*\*\*See below for more information\*\*\*

### *2nd Annual Revolutionary Run (April 22nd)*

a. This year's race included a 5 mile runner's race, a 3 mile walker's course, and a 1 mile kid's run. The event was very successful with beautiful weather and a high participant turnout. For more information or results and awards, visit the Revolutionary Run website at [www.revolutionaryrun.org](http://www.revolutionaryrun.org)

### *Structural Stabilization of Knox's Quarters:*

a. Bids have been received for this contract and award is likely prior to May 1, 2007.

### *Administrative Building and Auditorium HVAC/Roof Replacement:*

- a. Architectural and Engineering services have been completed for this project
- b. Contract schedule will be completed by May 1.

### *Walnut Hill Barn Shed Removal:*

a. This project will be finished once the area in front of the barn has been reseeded which is scheduled for Monday April 30, 2007.

### *David Walker/Montessori Children's School of Valley Forge*

- a. The appraisal scope of work has been reviewed and the appraisal for the house will be completed soon.
- b. Negotiations for the lease will be completed by July 2007.

### *Washington's Headquarters Rehabilitation:*

- a. Completion of remaining punch list items for Phase I (reseeding the historic landscape and the realignment of 30ft of walkway) has commenced.
- b. Phase II (renovation of train station interior, continued parking improvements, new restroom and waterline) designs have been reviewed.

*Welcome Center Office Space Renovation:*

- a. This project will be complete within the next two weeks. Project Management is waiting on materials to finish the work.

*Betzwood Boathouse*

- a. Site has been visited and a scope of work for this project is in the works. A specific site/topo map for the area has been generated, and a utility map of the area has been retrieved.

*PC Knox Main House*

- a. Wayne Rotary has developed a program to continue repair work on and around the Main House and its out buildings.
- b. The volunteer activity day will be Saturday, May 19. This crew will start preparation work prior to that day in coordination with Project Management.

*Park-Wide Utility Survey*

- a. Scope of work has been completed.
- b. Utility lines within park boundaries will be identified and recorded using GPS.

**\*\*\*ROAD CLOSURES AND DETOURS\*\*\***

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed due to unsafe conditions.

Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6" drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop-off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner Line will also be closed to pedestrians and bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

Pennsylvania State Route 23 ("Valley Forge Road"): The first phase of major road improvements will begin in the Park on March 4, 2007. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning March 4, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 "Valley Forge Road" and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards's road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.